

MINUTES OF THE RGJ ASSOCIATION (NORTH EAST BRANCH)  
HELD AT ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - SUNDERLAND  
ON FRIDAY 4th JULY 2014

J Cheetham (JC)  
G Barrs  
N Cook  
R Coulson  
D Jones  
B Kemp  
B Moore  
K Richardson  
J Snell  
J Toolin

R Holman  
N Blakeman  
S Connal  
P Fenwick  
J Kelly  
E Loftus  
G Oates  
J Simpson  
T Suggitt  
G Yates

Barker  
S Bonallie  
J Cornel  
R Gilchrist  
P Kelly  
N Loftus  
D Powell  
P Smith  
J Tarr

**Apologies**

Apologies were received from Brig Prideaux, G Adams, A Begley, D Bone, G Cook, T Conlin, I Corbett, M Donnison, G Gibson, D Hunter, G Hutchinson, T Love, I Longworth, G Mallaby D Muir, G Netzler, D Nichol, Col J Ramsbotham, R Ross, P Smith, R Trower, D Watson, K Wilson, G Wynn

JC welcomed and thanked members for their attendance,

Minute Silence for Fallen Comrades .

**1 Minutes of Last Meeting**

The minutes of the last meeting of the Royal Green Jackets Association North East, were approved.

**2 Matters Arising**

**2.1 Membership**

J Kelly will collect subscriptions after this meeting.

**2.2 Branch Members Details**

*Could all members please email JC (rgj.north.east@btinternet.com) and Naomi (naomi.rgjne@hotmail.co.uk) with their up to date details including name, email and postal address.*

**2.3 RGJ Association**

The Association has asked all branches to encourage their members to join at a cost of £10.

**2.4 RGJ Association HQ Meeting**

The meeting was attended by Brig Prideaux for the Branch, all members should have received the minutes.

**2.5 Branch Aid Memoir**

This is being produced with further details to follow.

## **2.6 I (Harry) Corbett**

JC gave members an update on Harry's situation and he thanked them for their concern.

## **2.7 Editor's Report**

M Donnison informed members via JC the July issue of the E-Zine had been published with a great article recalling the visit to France and Pegasus Bridge by a number of the Branch.

## **2.8 Treasurer's Report**

Cash £28.22 – Bank £4459.122.9

## **3 Events**

### **3.1 Branch Functions November**

7th Queen Vic

8th Stadium of Light. Unfortunately the Buglers from the Borneo Band are unable to attend as they are performing in Durham

9th Remembrance Parade

Muster 1000hrs

For health reasons 2 members are only able to parade at the Cenotaph, if you are able to assist as an escort could you please let Jake know at the next meeting.

Lunch Grand Room Roker Hotel

Tickets will be available very soon.

### **3.2 North East Events**

#### **June - Sunderland Veteran's Weekend**

Very disappointing.

#### **September 14th**

Unveiling of DLI Bugler, Durham Market Place.

This will be followed by a WW1 Centenary Commemoration Service in Durham Cathedral

The RGJRA Standard will be presented and JC asked members to make a concerted effort to attend. More details to follow.

### **3.3 Regional Events**

July 12 – Veterans Day 2014, Winchester.

August 29/30 – Greenstock 2014.

This is an event organised by the Central Branch for all RGJ to attend. Further details can be found on Facebook under events Greenstock 2014.

September 20 – Northern Ireland Veterans Association Service of Remembrance

National Memorial Arboretum

Over 25 members are due to attend

## **4 AOB**

### **4.1 Proposals**

A proposal for a donation to the Tommy 1101 appeal resulted in a signed Sunderland Football being raffled raising £165.04

#### **Sunderland Echo Report**

The Echo has reported that there are 28,000 veterans in Sunderland of which 3,000 have major problems. If members know of any veterans with issues please contact JC with name and details of the person.

### **4.2 France and Pegasus Bridge**

JC thanked I Longworth for acting as Standard Bearer and for all members who made the long journey to France.

JC would also like to thank Roy and Pam Trower and Derek and Val Hunter for the fantastic hospitality they provided for the members which was greatly appreciated.

### **4.3 PRI Items**

These are now ready for collection.

### **4.4 Great North Run**

R Holman will be running his last GNR and his chosen charity is Walking Wounded which is organised by Capt E Parker (1RGJ). All donations from members will be greatly received.

### **4.5 Branch Raffle**

Raised £106

### **4.6 Secret Raffle**

Winner – G Barrs

**NEXT MEETING**

**TBC**